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NEWS RELEASE
***SALT LAKE COUPLE INDICTED
ON TAX EVASION, FALSE STATEMENT CHARGES***
***CHARGES ALLEGE THEY FAILED TO PAY TAXES ON
CO-PAYMENTS, PAYMENTS FROM PATIENTS***

SALT LAKE CITY – A federal grand jury returned a seven-count indictment Wednesday afternoon charging Ahn Tai Nguyen, age 56, and Nina Nguyen, age 53, both of Salt Lake City, with tax evasion. Dr. Nguyen also faces one count of making a false statement.

According to the indictment, Dr. Nguyen was co-owner and the sole physician practitioner of a family and general medical practice. Mrs. Nguyen was the co-owner, bookkeeper, and secretary for the business.

The indictment alleges that from 2003 through 2006, the Nguyens attempted to evade substantial parts of their corporate and individual income tax due to the federal government. According to the indictment, the Nguyens took several affirmative steps to avoid paying taxes. Among the steps were not reporting co-payments from patients and fees for services from uninsured patients of their practice. These payments were deposited

into personal checking accounts or not deposited at all and the income was not reported to the IRS. In addition to failing to report the corporate income tax due, the indictment alleges that none of the income was reported to the IRS on their 1040 individual income tax forms.

The indictment also alleges Dr. Nguyen falsely told an IRS agent that his medical practice did not collect co-payments from patients and that the only deposits made into his and his wife's personal bank accounts were from repayments of personal loans he had made to other individuals.

The Nguyens will be issued a summons to appear for an arraignment on the charges in federal court. The maximum potential penalty for each count of the indictment is five years in federal prison. An indictment is not a finding of guilt. Defendants charged in indictments are presumed innocent unless or until convicted in court.

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